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1. On 7 June 1951 at 9 p.m. a locomotive pulling freight cars from SlavonSKI Brod to Vinkovci exploded approximately 10 kilometers from the railroad station at Strizivojna-Vrpolje. The train consisted of approximately 70 freight cars, 7 of which contained naphtha.
2. The locomotive was completely destroyed by the explosion and the freight cars were all damaged. Of the 8 railroad men aboard the train, 7 were killed and 1 was seriously injured.
3. The track at the scene of the accident was quickly repaired and cleared of obstacles and, on 8 June at 11 a.m., a special train in three sections carrying Marshal Tito and his entourage passed through the sector. The first carried a unit of Tito guards and automobiles, the second carried Tito and an armed guard, and the third carried a unit of Tito guards armed with heavy weapons.

the train was carrying a total weight of about 1,400 tons, which was too great a load for its axle capacity and, as a result of the strain, a wheel of the locomotive split and broke. This factor, the excessive speed and inattention on the part of the engineer to the manometer are presumed to have brought about the explosion. The engineer allegedly knew the track would be closed just before Tito's passage, and it is believed he was travelling at great speed in an effort to clear the area of traffic on time. Many people, however, attribute the accident to Cominform sabotage.

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Comment: [REDACTED] which described the same accident, with differing details, as an attempted assassination of Marshal Tito. As far as is known this incident has not been reported by the press or radio within Yugoslavia.

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